

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-21 (canceled).

Claim 22 (new): An instrument panel image display device, installed on an apparatus so as to display an instrument panel image, said instrument panel image display device comprising:

a display arranged to display the instrument panel image including a gauge image, by which internal and external information of the apparatus is provided to a user, in accordance with image data which generates the gauge image; and

an image data changing section arranged to change said image data, which generates the gauge image, into image data, which generates another gauge image.

Claim 23 (new): The instrument panel image display device as set forth in claim 22, further comprising a parameter changing section arranged to change a value indicated by a parameter which defines a display state of the gauge image into another value.

Claim 24 (new): The instrument panel image display device as set forth in claim 23, further comprising a parameter judging section arranged to judge whether the value indicated by the parameter is within a predetermined range or not.

Claim 25 (new): The instrument panel image display device as set forth in claim 24, wherein, when the parameter judging section judges that the value indicated by the parameter is not within the predetermined range, the parameter changing section changes the value indicated by the parameter into a value within the predetermined range.

Claim 26 (new): The instrument panel image display device as set forth in claim 25, wherein the parameter changing section changes the value indicated by the parameter into a value closest to a set value within the predetermined range.

Claim 27 (new): The instrument panel image display device as set forth in claim 23, wherein the parameter defines at least a size and a color of the gauge image.

Claim 28 (new): The instrument panel image display device as set forth in claim 22, further comprising an image data obtaining section arranged to obtain image data, which generates said another gauge image, via a network line, from a server having a storage section which stores the image data.

Claim 29 (new): The instrument panel image display device as set forth in claim 23, wherein the apparatus is a vehicle, and the instrument panel image includes at least a speedometer image indicative of a running speed of the vehicle as the gauge image, and the parameter changing section changes the parameter so that the speedometer image is displayed in front of a driver or in a predetermined position in a visual field of the driver.

Claim 30 (new): An instrument panel image display device, installed on an apparatus so as to display an instrument panel image, said instrument panel image display device comprising:

- a display arranged to display the instrument panel image including a gauge image, by which internal and external information is provided to a user, and a background image, which serves as a background of the gauge image, in accordance with image data that generates said gauge image and image data that generates the background image; and

- an image data changing section arranged to change said image data, which generates the background image, into image data, which generates another background image.

Claim 31 (new): The instrument panel image display device as set forth in claim 30, further comprising a parameter changing section arranged to change a value indicated by a parameter that defines a display state of the background image into another value.

Claim 32 (new): The instrument panel image display device as set forth in claim 31, further comprising a parameter judging section arranged to judge whether the value indicated by the parameter is within a predetermined range or not.

Claim 33 (new): The instrument panel image display device as set forth in claim 32, wherein, when the parameter judging section judges that the value indicated by the parameter is not within the predetermined range, the parameter changing section changes the value indicated by the parameter into a value within the predetermined range.

Claim 34 (new): The instrument panel image display device as set forth in claim 31, wherein the parameter defines at least one of a color or a luminance of the background image.

Claim 35 (new): The instrument panel image display device as set forth in claim 31, wherein the parameter changing section changes a parameter of at least either the gauge image or the background image so that a periphery of the gauge image is bordered.

Claim 36 (new): A server, providing the image data that generates said another gauge image to the instrument panel image display device as set forth in claim 28.

Claim 37 (new): An instrument panel image changing system, comprising the instrument panel image display device as set forth in claim 28 and a server for providing the image data that generates said another gauge image to the instrument panel image display device.

Claim 38 (new): A vehicle, comprising the instrument panel image display device as set forth in claim 22.

Claim 39 (new): A method of changing an instrument panel image displayed in an instrument panel image display device installed on an apparatus, said method comprising the steps of:

displaying the instrument panel image including a gauge image, by which internal and external information of the apparatus is provided to a user, in accordance with image data which generates the gauge image; and

changing the image data, which generates said gauge image, into image data that generates another gauge image.

Claim 40 (new): A method of changing an instrument panel image displayed in an instrument panel image display device installed on an apparatus, said method comprising the steps of:

displaying the instrument panel image including a gauge image, by which internal and external information of the apparatus is provided to a user, and a background image, which serves as a background of the gauge image, in accordance with image

data that generates the gauge image and image data that generates the background image; and

changing the image data, which generates said background image, into image data, which generates another background image.

Claim 41(new): An instrument panel image display program, causing the instrument panel image display device as set forth in claim 22 to operate, said instrument panel image display program being characterized by causing a computer to perform the following steps:

displaying the instrument panel image including a gauge image, by which internal and external information of the apparatus is provided to a user, in accordance with image data which generates said gauge image; and

changing the image data, which generates said gauge image, into image data, which generates another gauge image.

Claim 42 (new): A computer-readable storage medium, storing the instrument panel image display program as set forth in claim 41.